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Presented by: Douglas L. Sporn  
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Attachment

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# International Generic Pharmaceutical Association

## Regulatory Harmonization Friend or Foe?

Douglas L. Sporn  
Director, Office of Generic Drugs  
U.S. Food & Drug Administration  
June 3, 1999  
Barcelona, Spain

The answer depends on where you sit.

- Multinational Firms vs. "Mom & Pop" Firms
- Industry vs. National Regulators

## Other Titles:

**Harmonization: Winding Up or Winding Down?**

**Harmonization: You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet!!**

# International Trade Harmonization

**GATT**

**URAA**

**TRIPS**

**WTO**

**TransAtlantic  
Business Dialog**

# FDA Scientific & Regulatory Harmonization

**Office of Generic Drugs (OGD)**

**Chemistry, Manufacturing & Control  
Coordinating Committee (CMCCC)**

**Office of New Drug Chemistry (ONDC)**

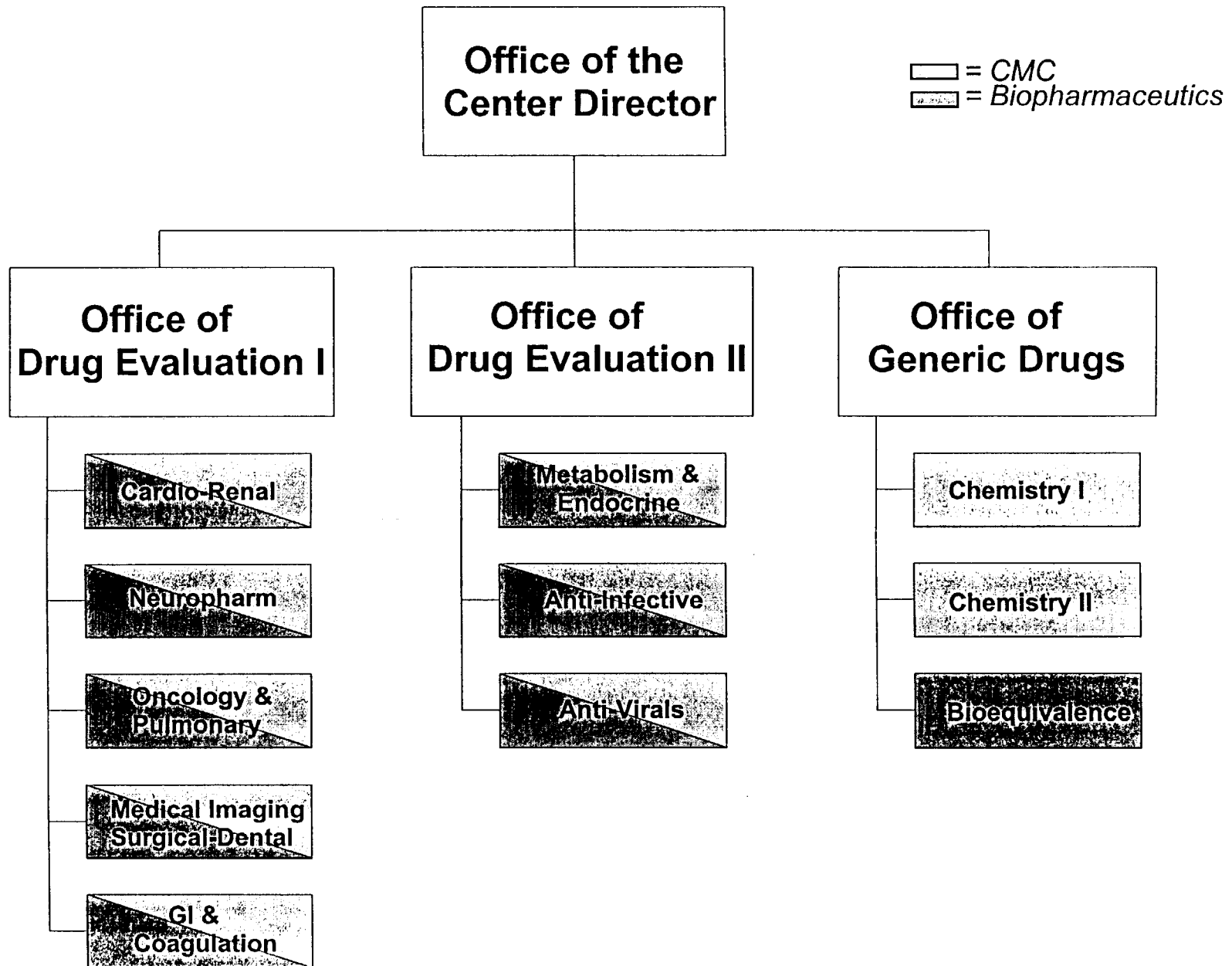
**Office of Pharmaceutical Science (OPS)**

**Biopharmaceutics Coordinating  
Committee (BCC)**

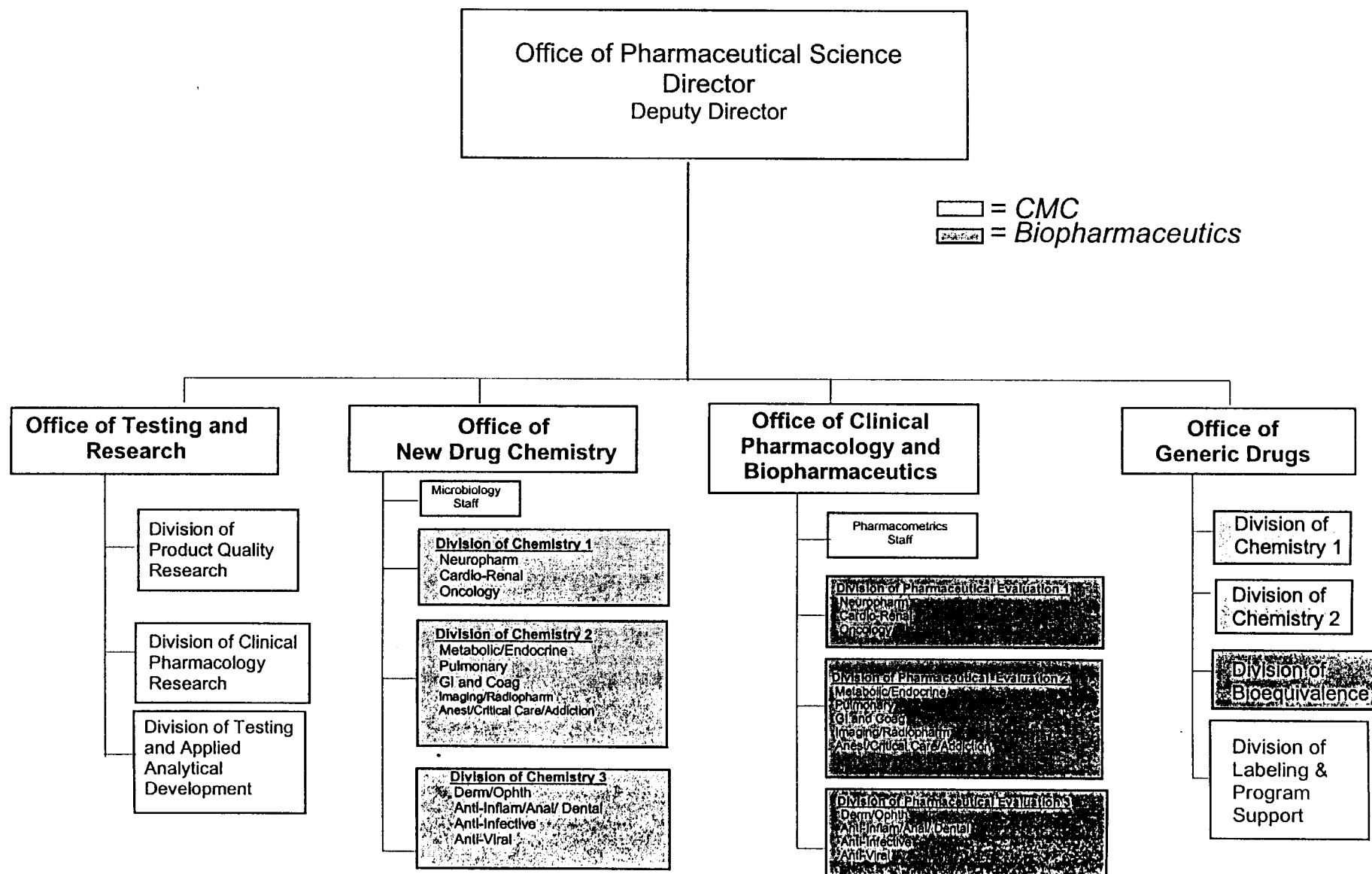
**Complex Drug Substances Coordinating  
Committee (CDSCC)**

**Food & Drug Administration  
Modernization Act (FDAMA)**

# Pre-OPS Reviewing Organizations

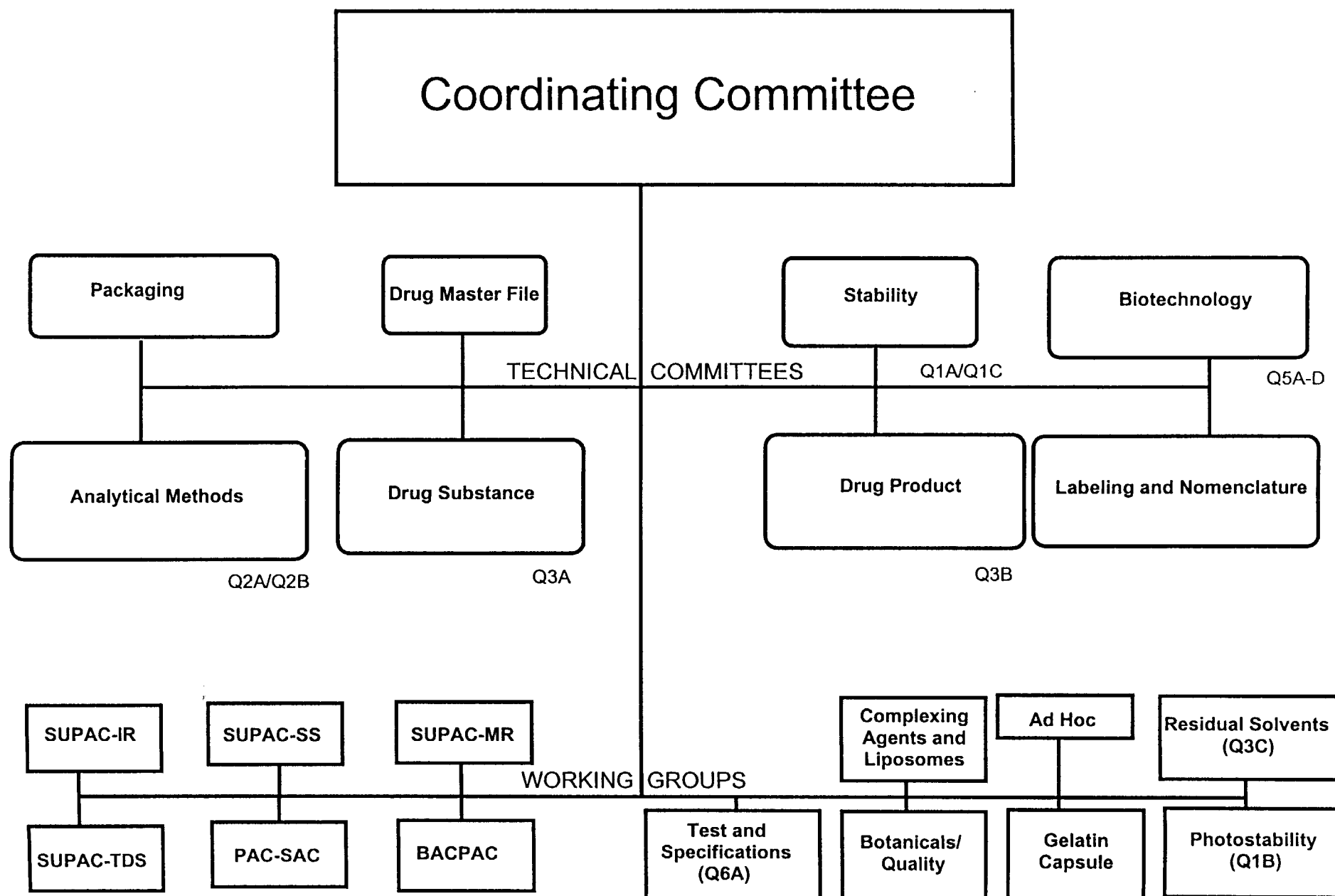


# Office of Pharmaceutical Science

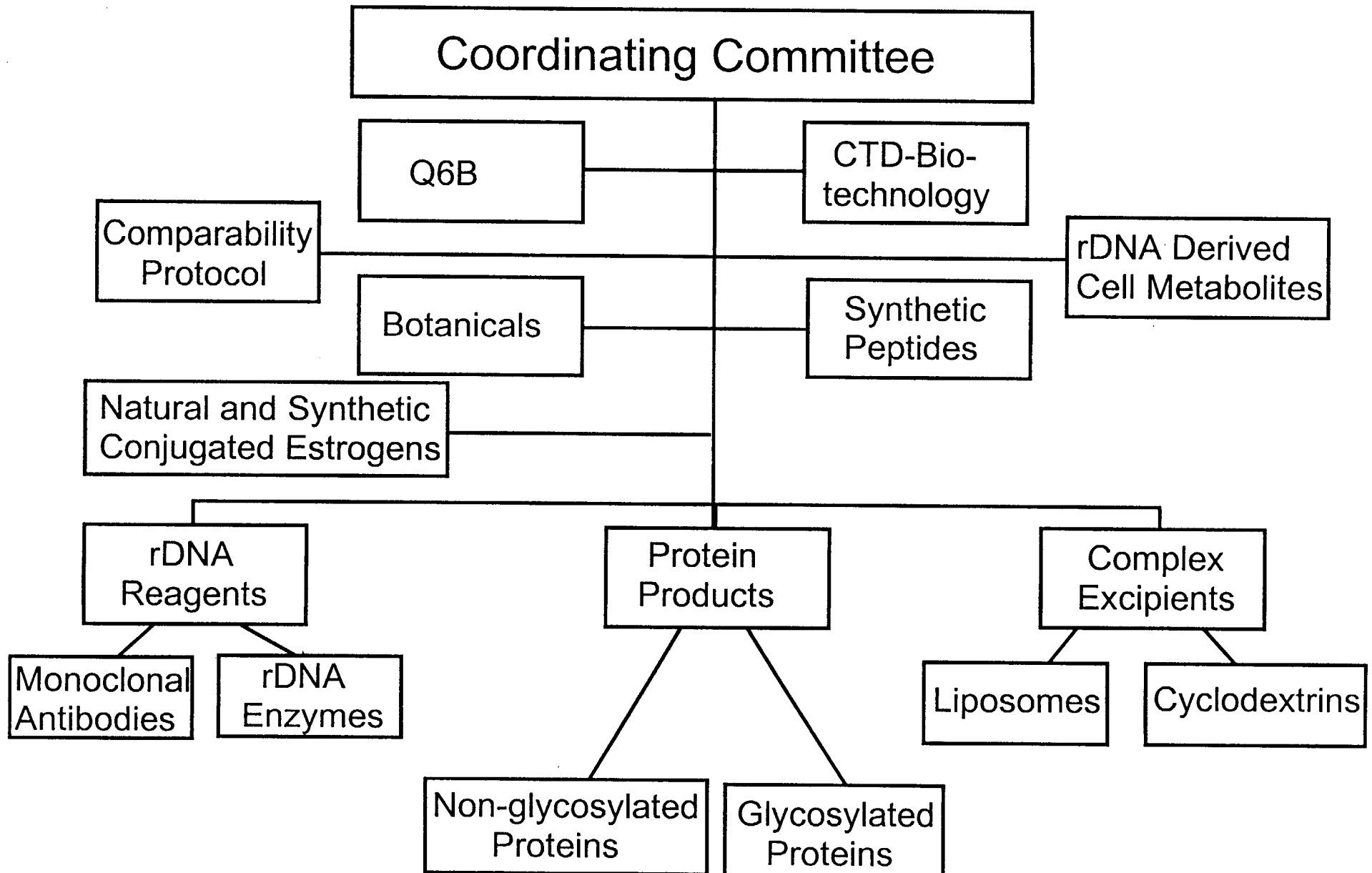




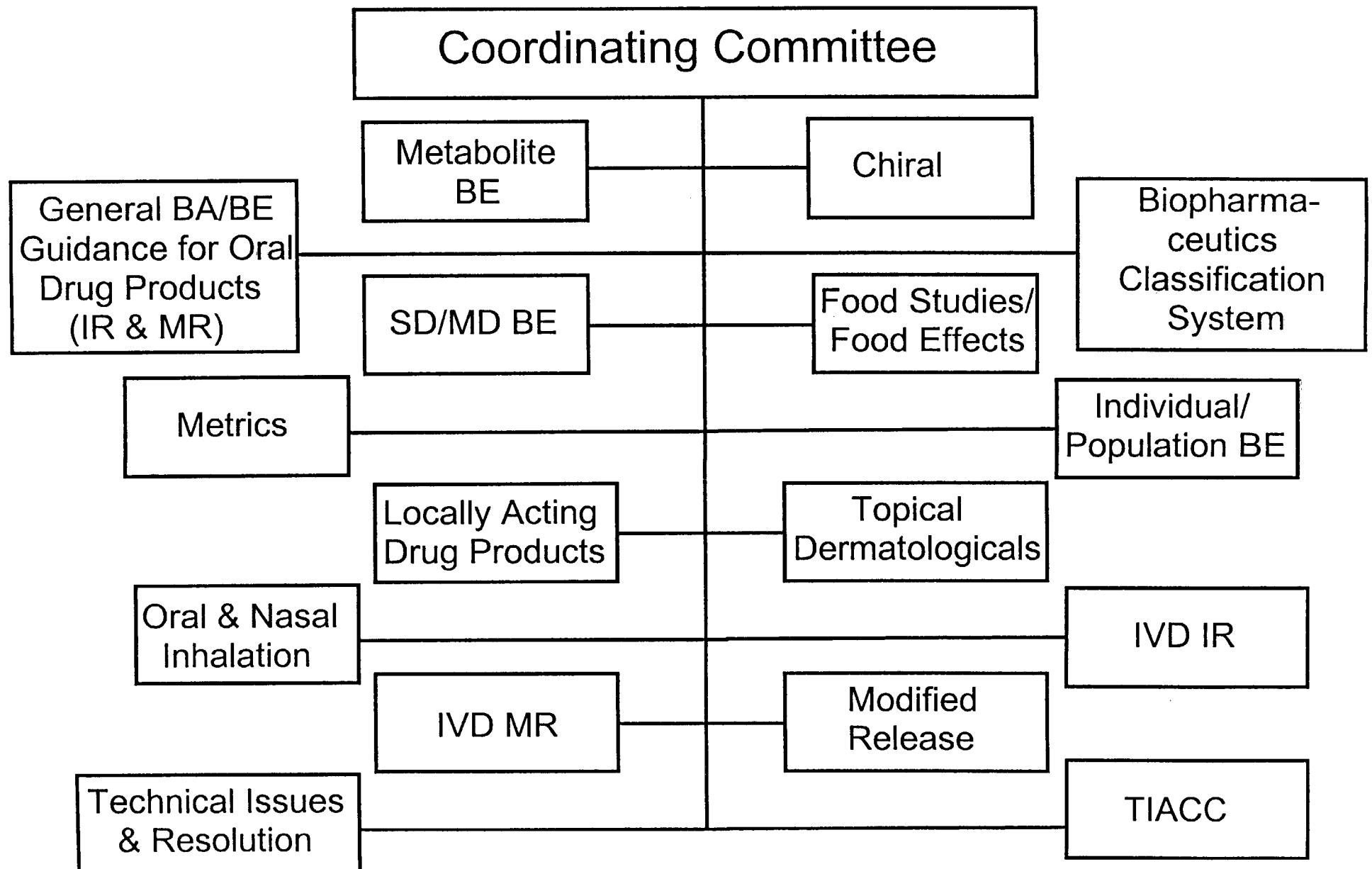
# Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls Coordinating Committee



# Complex Drug Substances, Excipients, and Reagents Coordinating Committee



# Biopharmaceutics Coordinating Committee



# International Regulatory Harmonization

**International Conference on  
Harmonization (ICH)**

**International Conference of Drug  
Regulatory Authorities/WHO**

**Steering Committee for the Pan  
American Conferences on Drug  
Regulatory Harmonization**

# PAHO

**Drug Regulatory Harmonization Conference  
November 1997**

**PAHO  
Executive  
Secretary**

**Participants**  
**Regulators**  
Andean  
Caricom  
Mercosur  
NAFTA  
Sica  
Industry

**Steering Committee for the Pan American  
Conferences on Drug Regulatory  
Harmonization**

**January 14-15, 1999**

GMPs

BA/BE

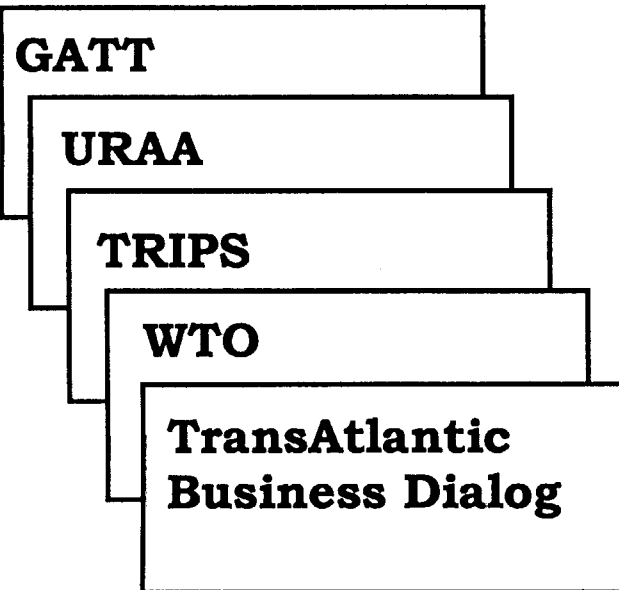
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Counterfeit  
Drugs

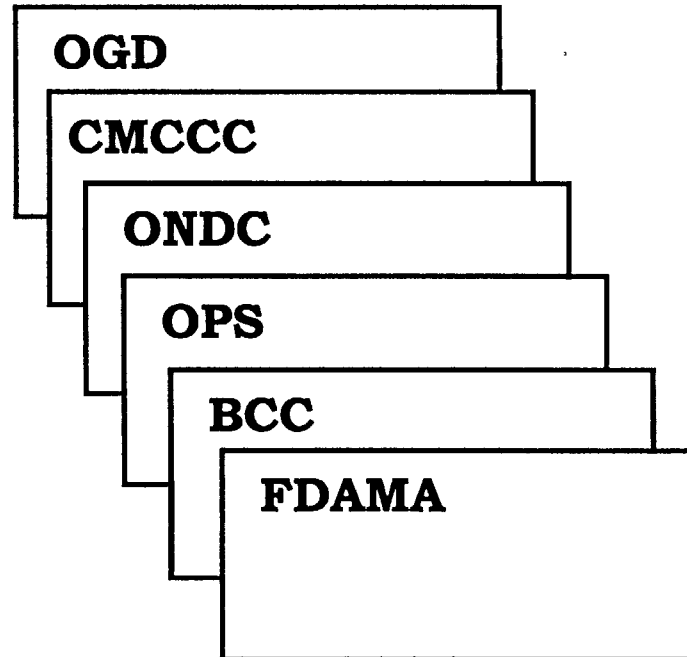
Classification  
of Drugs

**Steering Committee for the Pan American  
Conferences on Drug Regulatory  
Harmonization  
November 3-4, 1999  
Public Workshop  
(Starting Materials and BA/BE)  
November 5, 1999**

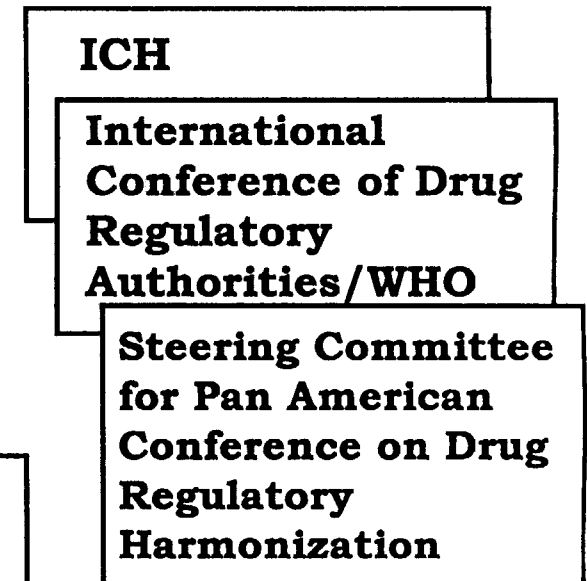
International  
Trade  
Harmonization



FDA Scientific &  
Regulatory  
Harmonization



International  
Regulatory  
Harmonization



# Harmonization

Friend?

Predictability

Public Resource  
Savings (long term)

Optimization of  
World Resources

Foe?

The Devil is in the  
Details!

Public Resource  
Costs (short term)

# Harmonization

Friend?

Foe?

Competition

Competition

Lower "Break Even"  
Point

Higher "Break Even"  
Point

Reduces Some  
Market Barriers

Increases Market  
Barrier



# Harmonization

## Friend?

Levels the Playing  
Field

- >More Ethical
- >World Citizen

Better Science

Availability of More  
Products/Faster

## Foe?

Unnecessarily Elevates  
the Playing Field

Not That Much Better!

More Difficult to  
Change Policy

# The Decade Ahead

- ICH -- Moves to harmonize on more quality topics for NME's and Generics
- Process modified to make generics "official" members

Americas -- Trend to modern quality standards for generic drugs accelerates

WHO -- Continues to move lesser developed countries toward better, universally accepted quality standards